Progress made in implementation of SSA in the Country

637. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the different States of the country;

(b) whether some States including U.P. are adopting lackadaisical approach towards this project;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the States want the funds to come to them first whereas the Ministry has directed that funds are to be sent directly to SSA Samitis; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to remove such hurdles and shortage of funds for the success of SSA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) The programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan covers the entire country and addresses the needs of 19.2 crore children in 11 lakh habitations. 8.5 lakh existing primary and upper primary schools and 33 lakh existing teachers are covered under the Scheme. District Elementary Education Plans (DEEPs) of 592 districts were approved at an outlay Rs. 3080.10 crores during 2002-2003. During 2003-04 DEEPs of 422 districts from 15 States and 2 Union Territories at an outlay of Rs. 5944.16 crores have been approved so far. Other States/U.T.s except Goa have submitted their plans and these are being appraised before consideration by the Project Approval Board.

(c) & (d) The programme is being implemented in mission mode and funds are released in accordance with the District Elementary Education Programmes approved by the Project Approval Board to State Implementation Societies constituted by the State Government.

ICSE and CBSE education in Karnataka schools

638. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of schools in Karnataka providing education in ICSE and CBSE curriculum;